

A majestic, snow-capped mountain peak rises above a thick layer of white clouds. The sky is a deep blue with some wispy clouds. The mountain's rocky surface is partially covered in snow, and the overall scene conveys a sense of peace and solitude.

Finding Peace in the Secret Place

PSALM 91

PEACE IS OUR HERITAGE FROM CHRIST

- **John 14:27 (NLT)** — “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.
- **Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)** — You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!
- **Philippians 4:6–8** — **6** Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. **7** Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **8** And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

FINDING PEACE IN TODAY'S TIMES

- 1. God is setting apart people who know how to live above the disorder, dysfunction and chaos in the world. (Remnant/Sons of God)*
- 2. There is always a truth from God that is greater than the facts around us. (Found only in Scripture)*
- 3. We must have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.*
- 4. When we do not allow the circumstances of the world to have a hold on us, we operate in the supernatural "Goshen Blessing" of protection and prosperity.*
- 5. We must be instantly obedient to the Now Word received from God.*

PSALM 91...A PSALM OF CONFIDENCE, TRUST AND PEACE

- **Psalm 91:1 (NKJV) — 1** *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*
 - dwells: remain seated; abide; “marry”
 - secret place: Shelter; a place of concealment or protection
 - abide: to continue in place; to lodge;
 - shadow: shade cast by an object with clearly perceived boundaries; protection
 - Almighty: ‘Shaddai’ El Shaddai: all powerful one. One with absolute power

DECLARATION OF THE DWELLER OF THE SECRET PLACE

- ***Psalm 91:2 (NKJV) — 2 I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”***
- The qualifying condition is someone who abides in the place of protection, hidden away by God from the circumstances of the world and living within the boundaries established by the place with/in God.

THE PROMISE FOR THE DWELLER OF THE SECRET PLACE (TPT)

- ³ He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy,
and he will protect you from false accusation and any deadly curse.
- ⁴ His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you.
You can run under his covering of majesty and hide.
His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm.
- ⁵ You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night
nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you.
- ⁶ Don't fear a thing!
Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you,
nor will the powers of evil be launched against you.

THE PROMISES FOR THE DWELLER OF THE SECRET PLACE (TPT)

- ⁷ Even in a time of disaster, with thousands and thousands being killed, you will remain unscathed and unharmed.
- ⁸ You will be a spectator as the wicked perish in judgment, for they will be paid back for what they have done!
- ⁹⁻¹⁰ When we live our lives within the shadow of God Most High, our secret hiding place, we will always be shielded from harm. How then could evil prevail against us or disease infect us?
- ¹¹ God sends angels with special orders to protect you wherever you go, defending you from all harm.
- ¹² If you walk into a trap, they'll be there for you and keep you from stumbling.
- ¹³ You'll even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, trampling every one of them beneath your feet!

THE LORD SPEAKS TO CONFIRM THE PROMISE

- ¹⁴ For here is what the Lord has spoken to me:
“Because you loved me, delighted in me, and have been loyal to my name,
I will greatly protect you.
- ¹⁵ I will answer your cry for help every time you pray,
and you will feel my presence
in your time of trouble.
I will deliver you and bring you honor.
- ¹⁶ I will satisfy you with a full life and with all that I do for you.
For you will enjoy the fullness of my salvation!”

Are You Dwelling In The Secret Place?

JESUS IS THE SECRET PLACE

John 15:5–11 (NLT) — **5** “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. **7** But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! **8** When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. **9** “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. **10** When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. **11** I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

THE SECRET PLACE IS FOUND IN OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST ALONE

- **John 14:15 (NLT)** — “If you love me, obey my commandments.
- **John 14:21 (NLT)** —Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.
- **John 14:23–27 (NLT)** — **23** Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. **24** Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. **25** I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. **26** But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. **27** “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

PEACE IS FOUND IN GOD'S KINGDOM

- **1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (AMP)** — **9** Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, **10** Nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God. **11** And such some of you were [once]. But you were washed clean (purified by a complete atonement for sin and made free from the guilt of sin), and you were consecrated (set apart, hallowed), and you were justified [pronounced righteous, by trusting] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God.
- **Romans 14:17 (ESV)** — For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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- **Ephesians 5:3–12 (NLT)** — **3** Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. **4** Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. **5** You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. **6** Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. **7** Don't participate in the things these people do. **8** For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! **9** For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. **10** Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. **11** Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. **12** It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret.

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- **Colossians 1:19–22 (NLT)** — **19** For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, **20** and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. **21** This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. **22** Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.
- **Colossians 2:3 (NLT)** — In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.